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BLOOMINGTON MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUN

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Krin P. Gallagher, 29, of Bloomington, Indiana, was sentenced to 180 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to possessing firearms while engaged in drug-trafficking activity, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of a investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

In approximately June of 2008, the Bloomington Police Department ("BPD") received information that Gallagher was engaged in drug trafficking activity from a residence he partially owned on South Curry Pike in Bloomington.

On July 25, 2008, after an undercover investigation, BPD executed a state search warrant at Gallagher's residence. During the search, officers discovered a quantity of powder cocaine along with a marijuana growing operation, drug paraphernalia, packaging materials, and digital scales. Officers also discovered three firearms: an Olympic Arms, .223 caliber rifle, a Sten machine gun, and a Highpoint .45 caliber pistol. The .223 caliber rifle was outfitted with a scope and laser sight. Along with the firearms, BPD also located what appeared to be a silencer, a bullet-resistant vest, and a large amount of ammunition.

Based on the items found during the search, Gallagher was arrested by BPD, who then contact the ATF for investigative assistance. After determining that Gallagher had been convicted of B Felony Dealing Cocaine in 2002 and was therefore prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition, ATF Special Agents traveled to Bloomington to examine the weapons. ATF agents then sent the Sten machine gun and silencer apparatus to the ATF Firearms

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Technology Branch in Washington, DC, where it was later determined that the Sten was capable of firing multiple rounds of ammunition with a single pull of the trigger and that the silencer apparatus, which fit the barrel of the Sten machine gun, was capable of diminishing the report of the Sten machine gun by a measurable amount.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew J. Rinka, who prosecuted the case for the government, Gallagher faced a potential, mandatory life sentence if the case had gone to trial. Judge Barker also imposed three years supervised release following Gallagher's release from prison, and fined him \$1,000. During the period of supervised release, Gallagher must get drug treatment. Under federal law, Gallagher must serve at least 85% of his sentence.

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